



Gloucester City Swimming Club Limited

Minutes of GCSC Committee Meeting at Old Pint Pot 13th Oct 2016 from 6.30-7.45pm

Present: Gavin, Rich D, Brian, Andrea

Apologies: Andy, Flavia, Clair, Sarah, Vic

1. Minutes of last meeting

Approved for publication. Ongoing actions noted.

2. Coaches Summary

Detailed copy circulated. Key points summarised below.

Season progressing well, several new members and many squads at capacity. Recently attended BSCA Conference and SW Strategy, key message given at parents meeting that we are doing the right things as a club. Relationship with University continues to develop. Restructure ideas firming up for committee review. Recent level 1/2 courses successful, extending the pool of qualified volunteers and another being set-up. This is just one activity which will support our network activities with neighbouring clubs. Ameo Powerbreather will be visiting soon to demonstrate snorkels.

Weekend and half term training to be communicated [**Gav**]

3. Chairman's Summary

Activities going to plan. Details covered in relevant sections.

4. Financial Summary

Income and expenditure on budget, with the exception of fundraising

Open meet raffle raised £117 for CRY, matched by Ecclesiastical, along with Mrs Longdon's donation, matched by the club and sweet sales – this totals almost £600.



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Agreed that future open meet raffles should also be for the benefit of a local sporting charity. October open meet raffle will support 2 of our referees doing a sponsored tandem ride.

Open meet reconciliation needs to be tighter, so separate bands will be issued to helpers, to ensure door entries are clear.

Working through contracts with lead coaches.

5. Open Meets / Workforce

September Sprint Meet

Successful event. Some problems with timing equipment / pads, GL1 promised to be resolved by October meet.

61 families swimming, 42 offered help (69%). The 31% not helping were across all squads and not limited to those 'new' to galas.

October Level 2

More volunteers after recent parents meeting. 56 families swimming, 10 not on workforce list, but may be officials.

Still very short of officials, especially Fri/Sun night. Some large clubs not yet offered. Need nearly 200 for a 3-day competition! Agreed to provide wine for visiting officials supporting 3 or more sessions [**Brian**]

Long Distance funding claim approved, details to be submitted after event [**Gav**]

GL1 have agreed to using more lockers following the thefts from cubicles in September. GL1 will help police not crossing barriers.

GL1 have rescinded the opportunity for a swim shop, due to their contract with Zoggs. However, team managers to keep some goggles / hats available for emergencies.

Future Open Meets

Desperate for competitor marshals, some doubled up from warm-up in Oct. Proposed to make this a combined role, but committee felt it was better to keep separate and those willing to offer to do both.

Future open meet internal forms will include a separate sheet for specific session volunteering, per Clair's proposal [**Sarah / Clair**]



Dates submitted to GCASA and Regional calendar. Meet packs prepared, license applications to be confirmed [Gav]

6. Competitions

Hytek has been updated as far as possible, but some non-target meets pre May-15 not entered, due to lack of information. Aim to update target meets within 2 weeks, but non-target when convenient.

Have so far spent £3k (half of budgeted coach expenses), so need to be aware of cost of additional meets. Need to review selection of future target meets.

CoB L3 long course at Hengrove (29-30 Oct), 32 swimmers, 2 coach passes.

Regionals at Millfield (4-6 Nov), 15 swimmers (inc para), 2 relay entries (boys 4x100 free and girls 4x100 medley), 1 coach + 1 chaperone passes.

Soundwell L3 (26-27 Nov) 57 swimmers, 2 coach passes. Expecting significant scratches, but won't be confirmed till after 17th Oct. Unlikley to target next year.

Potential of entering Taunton Deane L2 on 3/4-Dec, with internal closing date of 30-Oct.

Welsh Winter Open Nationals (3 Dec) are on-line personal entry.

7. Membership

Significant number of session swaps with the majority of swimmers now having some arrangement, makes it very difficult to administer.

10 new members, 9 in SSK3, 1 in SSK5, mostly paid already.

Need to chase forms from Hartpury, to clean up membership.

6/7 coming for trials, likely to be SSK3 / Club6.

Some response to reminder about annual membership payment / form, but still <60%. Need another reminder with a deadline of 13th November or NO RENEWAL = no swimming.

List of emergency contact phone numbers to be available in Twyver office.
Medical details to be made available to coaches.



8. Welfare

Couple of ongoing issues.

Still need a volunteer. Need to readvertise [**Vic**]

Safeguarding course likely to be 23rd Nov. Need to follow up with all team managers [**Rich G**]

Need to check any swimmer >17 has a current DBS check.

9. Communications

Ongoing discussions with ParentMail and HyTek. Arrange demos [**Flavia**]

Review difference between 2 'latest news' on website [**Rich D**]

10. Fundraising / Sponsorship

Need to readvertise for volunteer [**Gav**]

11. Member of the Month

Ann-Marie and Vinay Karadia, for supporting many sessions in October meet without a swimmer. To be advertised on notice board [**Clair**]

12. Any Other Business

Para Co-ordinator

To ensure full inclusion and take care of specific needs at meets etc, Glenda Brady has volunteered to take on the role.

Christmas Gala

Plan to hold on Sunday 18th December. Include bring-your-own food. Discuss potential of Jacky co-ordinating again [**Brian**]

Captains

Information out requesting nominations by 23rd October



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Young Volunteers

No county co-ordinator this year. Most activities can be run within the club (poolside help, timekeeper experience). However, need to investigate Aquatics course. Jacky may be able to get details [**Brian**]

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th November, 6.30pm at the Old Pint Pot